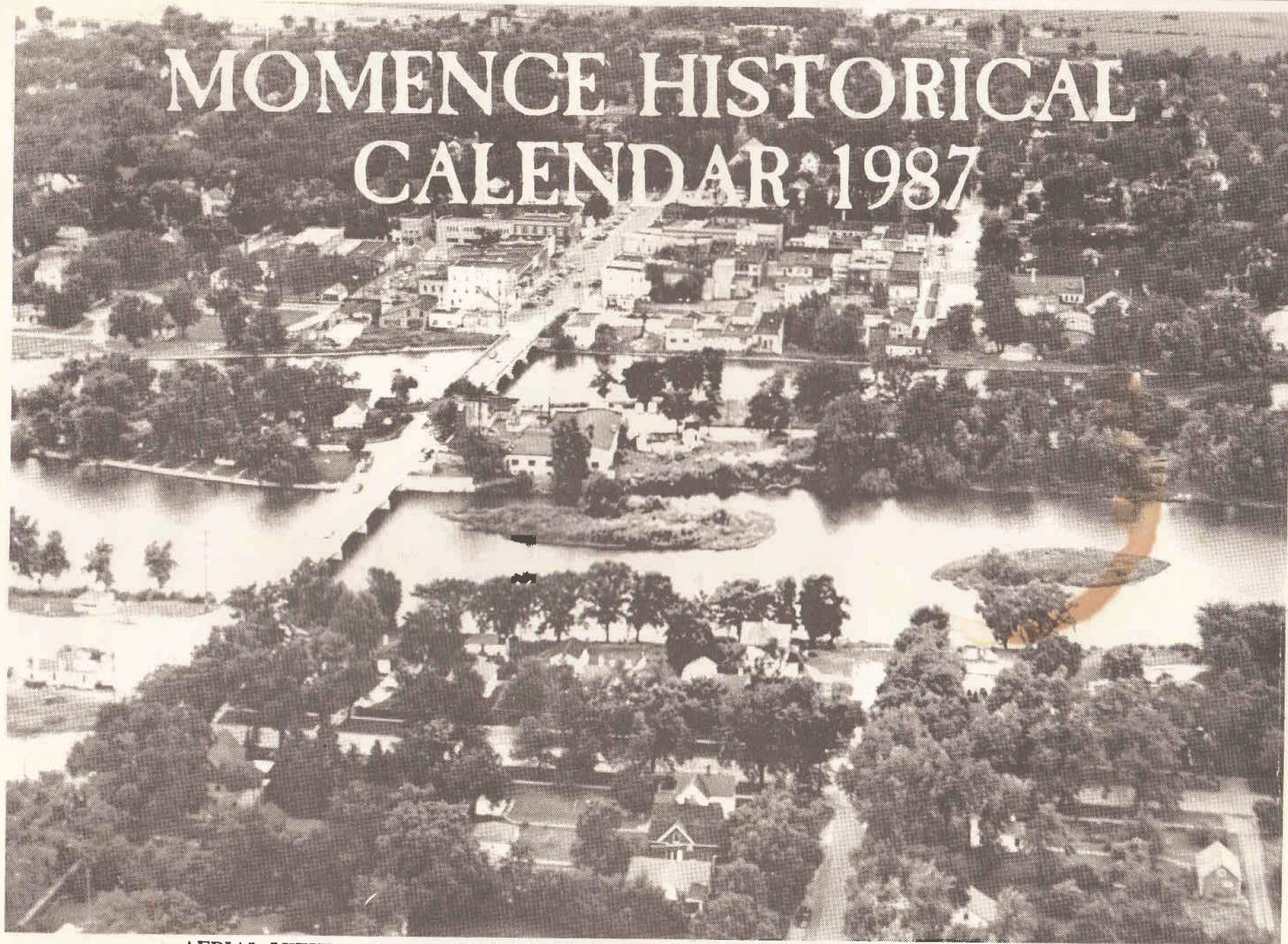
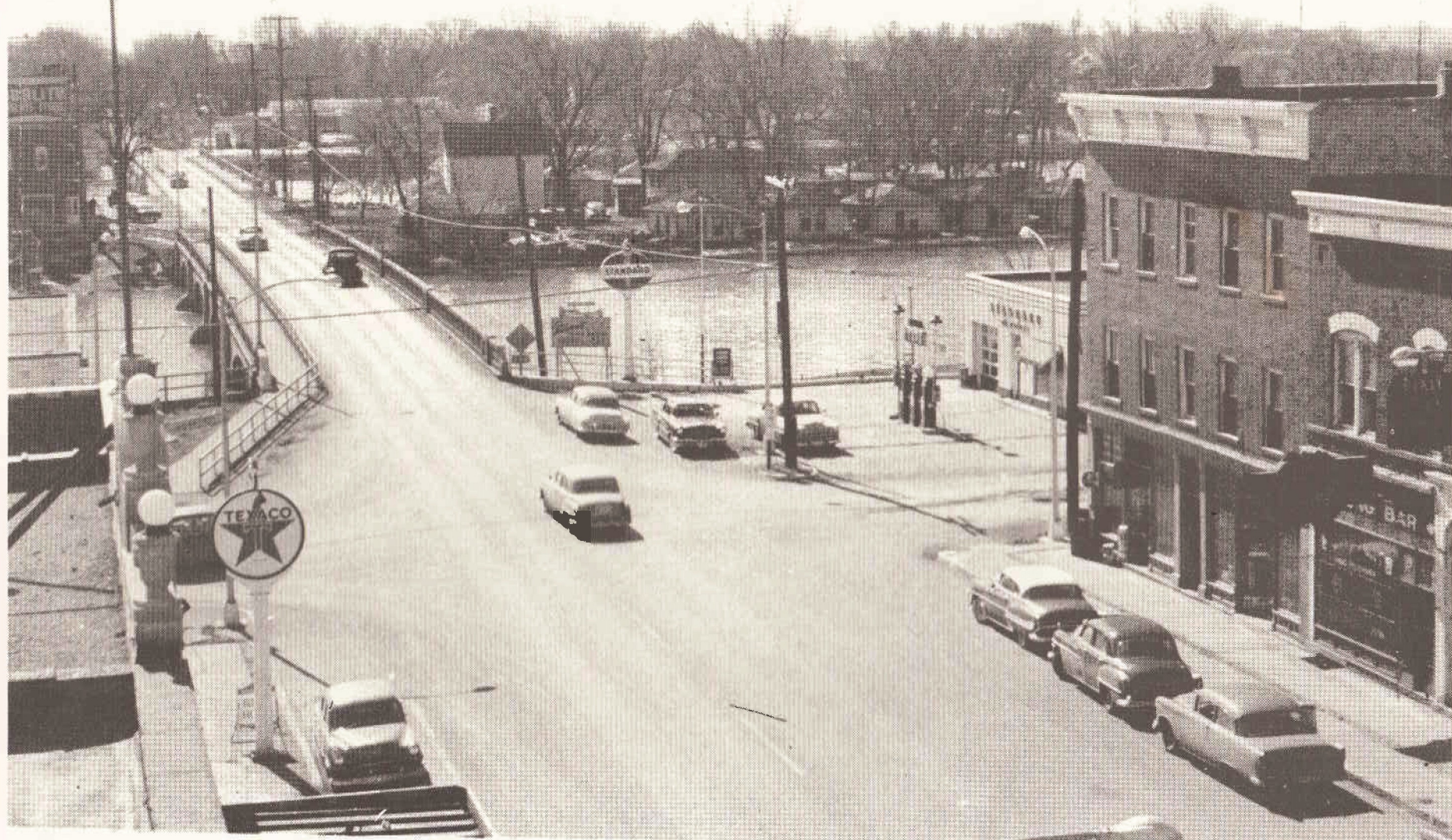


# MOMENCE HISTORICAL CALENDAR 1987



AERIAL VIEW OF MOMENCE—LOOKING NORTHWEST, PROBABLY ABOUT 1955.





View from roof of Savoy Hotel in 1963 looking southwest. Ed Murry Texaco on left, Ted Johnson Standard Station on right.



This 1987 Momence Historical Calendar is the fifth of a series which originated a year before the Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1984.

This issue makes use of some exceptional photographs, mainly from the 1950-60 era. All were taken by Elvin Butterfield who operated a studio in Momence from 1938 until his death in 1973. The negatives were loaned by Mrs. Elvin Butterfield.

We feel that these photographs present an exceptional cross-section of the residents, businesses and industry of Momence, which was enjoying post-war prosperity and growth.

Mr. Butterfield's photos show expertise in many fields: portraits, commercial, industrial and aerial photography. His coverage of the Gladiolus Festival was most complete.

The 1985 and 1986 issues and this 1987 issue are the result of a joint venture by The Hoosegow and the Progress-Reporter, Inc. Their popularity continues, with many copies being mailed all over the country—to former residents and persons whose roots are in Momence, the Old Border Town.

The Hoosegow Gift Shop

The Momence Progress-Reporter, Inc.

Any special local events of 1987 are not known at the time of this printing. The Momence Progress-Reporter will announce these events in future issues of the weekly newspaper

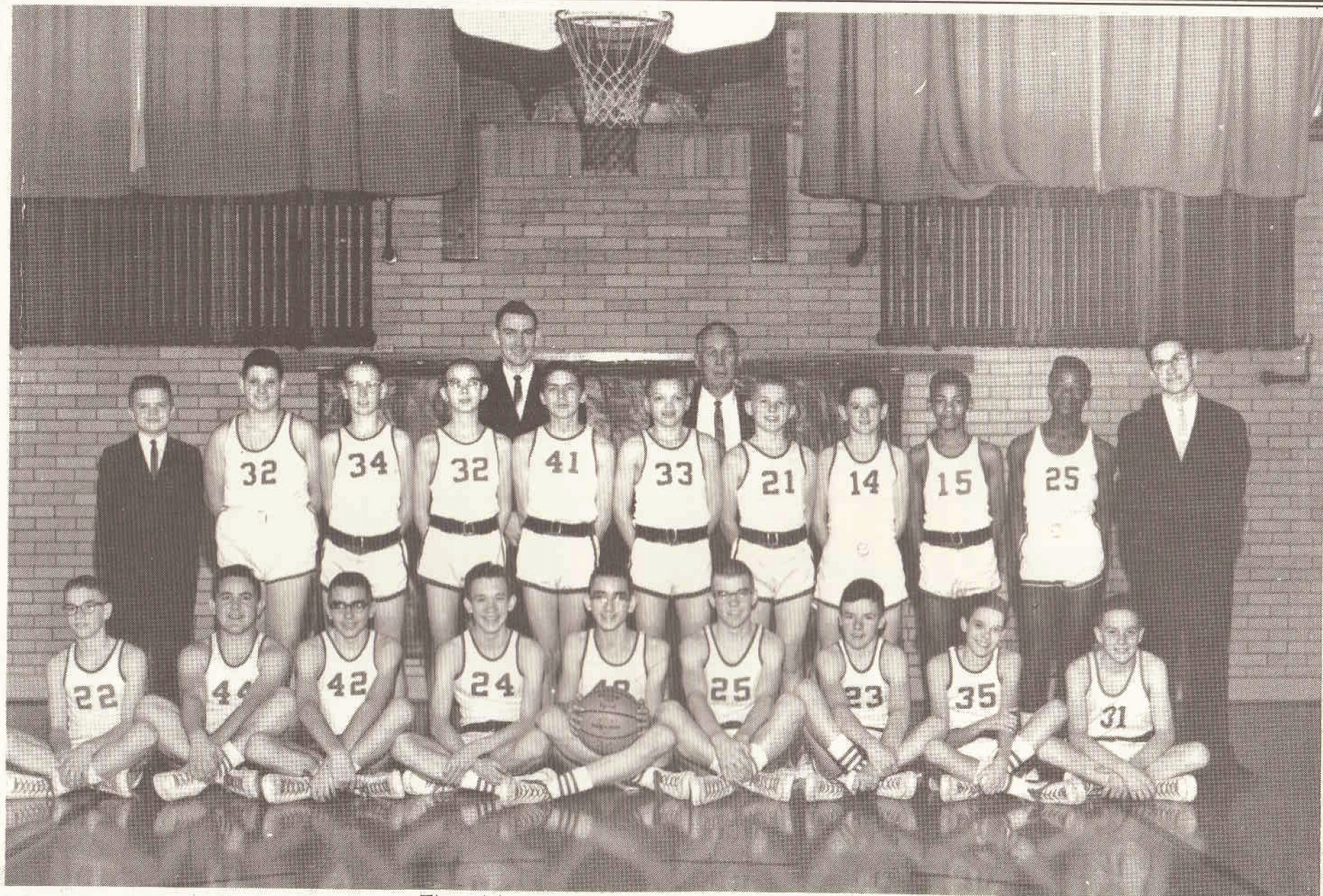






The Mose Searls house stood at the northeast corner of Washington and Locust, and was razed in 1965 to make room for a new post office. The cast iron fence was obtained by Hilbert Strassenburg who used it at his farm north of Momence.





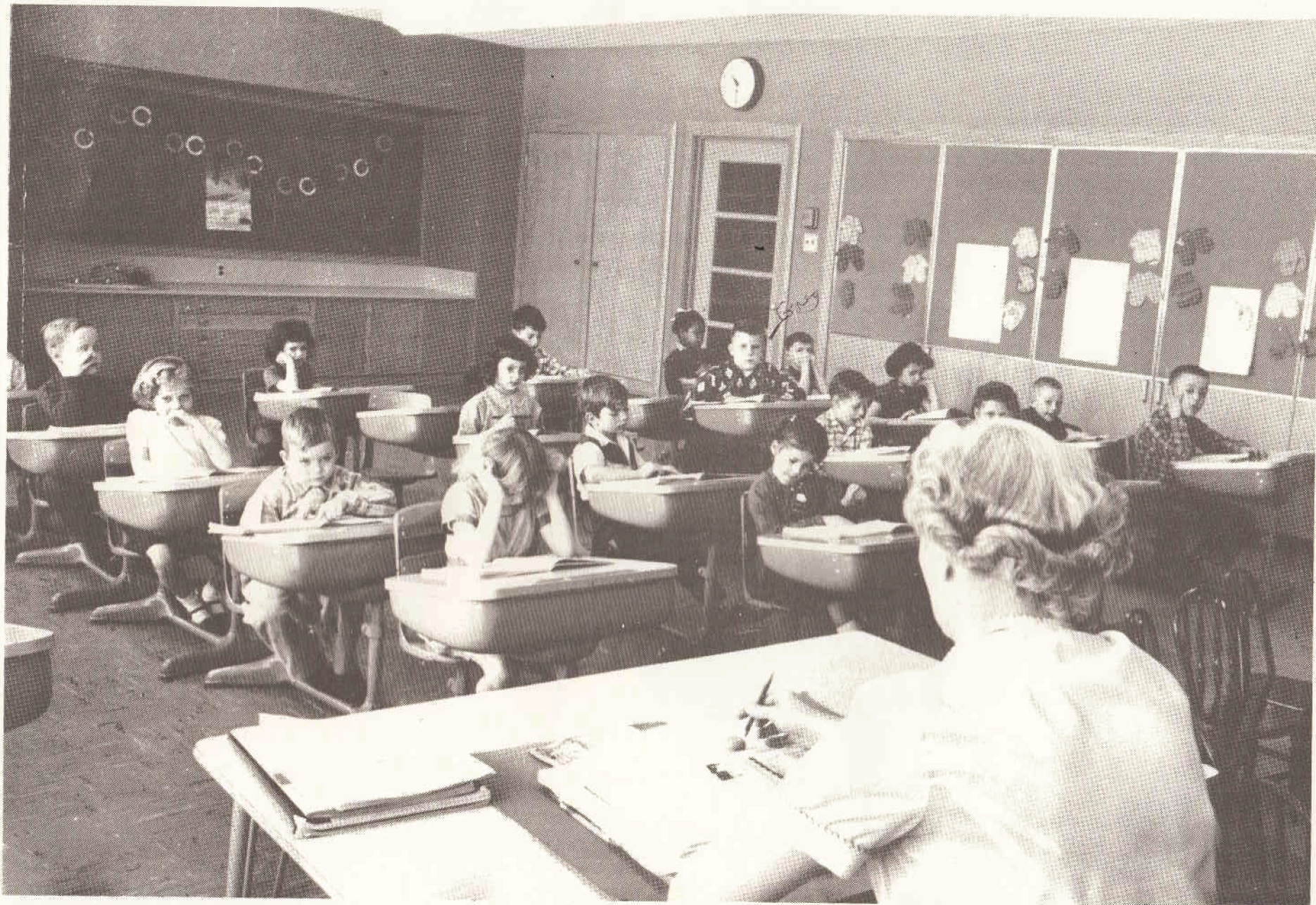
The eighth grade basketball team, taken in February 1964. Rear: Donald Mitchell, John Lusk; second row: Don Larson, George Hermann, Pat Dennis, Tom Wille, Melvin Knoblauch, Eddie Lee, Ken Brinkmann, Joe Brouillette, Greg Wells, Frank Moore, unknown; first row: Jon Bowers, Reid Moore, Norm Weighbrodt, Charles Chaffins, Gary Moody, Dale Prairie, John Sherwood, Larry Tallman, Tom Lowman.





David Bishir gets ready to clip Alfred Fari's hair, while Ernie Belunski gets a firm grip on the head of Warren Toma. The calendar dates the picture back to July, 1963. Check those prices!





Genevieve Bourk teaches a classroom of first grade pupils — it's 10:30 a.m. some day in 1956, in the then new Range School. Greg MacDonald, Stephen Johnson, James Sherrill, Glenna Turrell, Charles Lowman and Carol Marrs have been identified—subject to your research.





May 5 & 26, 1955—First and second grade pupils get their first shots of the newly developed Salk vaccine for polio. The newspapers of those weeks list the nurses who assisted: Mrs. John Gelino, Hortense Lambert, Beverly Balthazor, Mrs. Jack Cromwell, Billy Marie Marshall, Mrs. Rodney Ohm, Vicky High, Therese Dupre and Lillian Mazur. The doctors shown clockwise: Dr. Benjamin Lipnik, Dr. Denyes, Dr. Ralph Major. Shots were free and nearly 400 children received them at the local high school gym.





The cornerstone of the new Calvary Baptist Church is laid in 1969. Shown are Simon DeVries, Gaylord Jensen, Frank Johnson, Rev. Robert Spencer, Frank Bradley, William Roberts, Charles Rowell, Herb Smith and Albert Harris. (Veryl Graves installs steeple.)





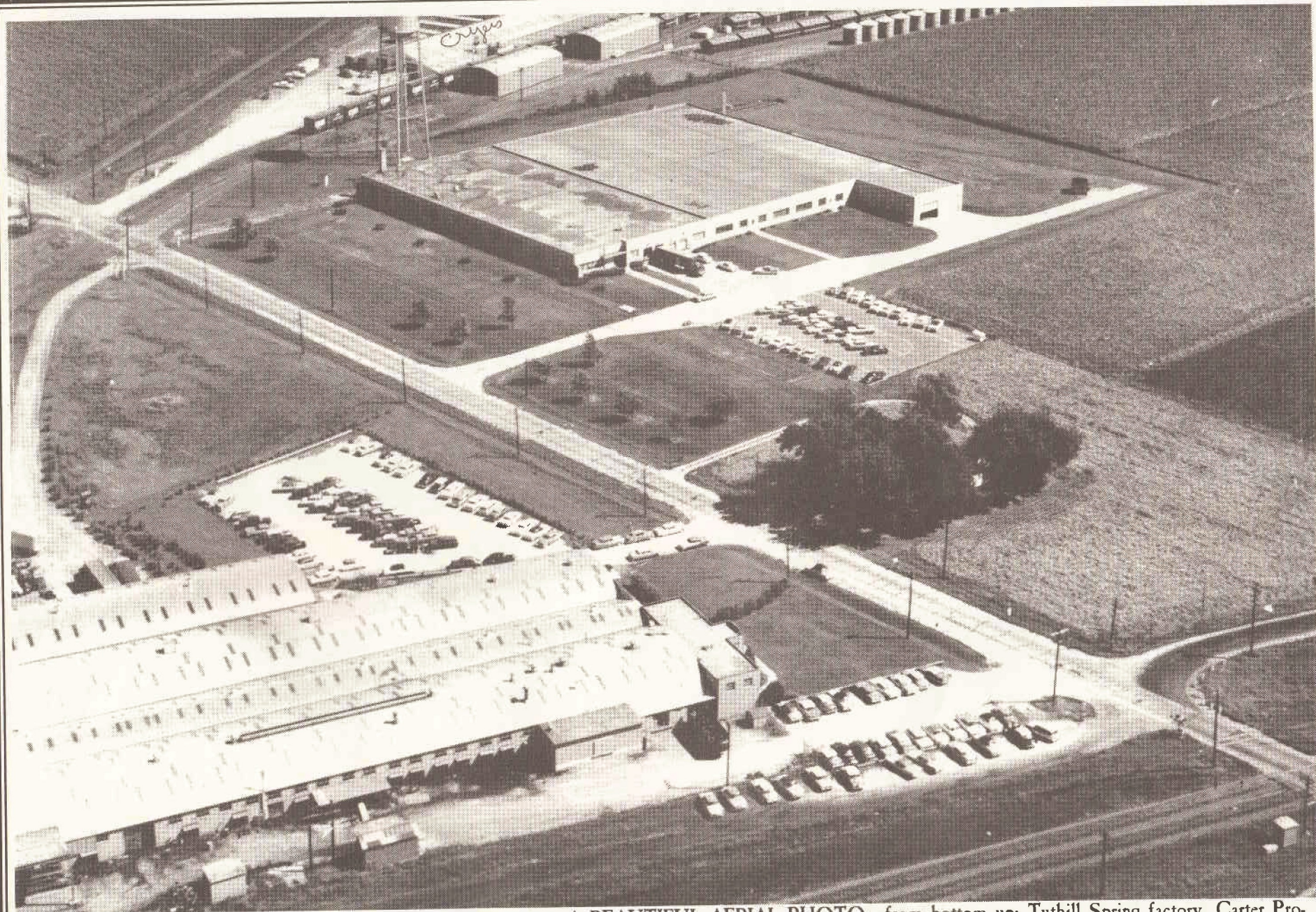
1963 Princess Vicki Hoekstra and Queen Judy Schaafsma present gladiolus to Herb Eller at Momence Art Guild Show at Range School.





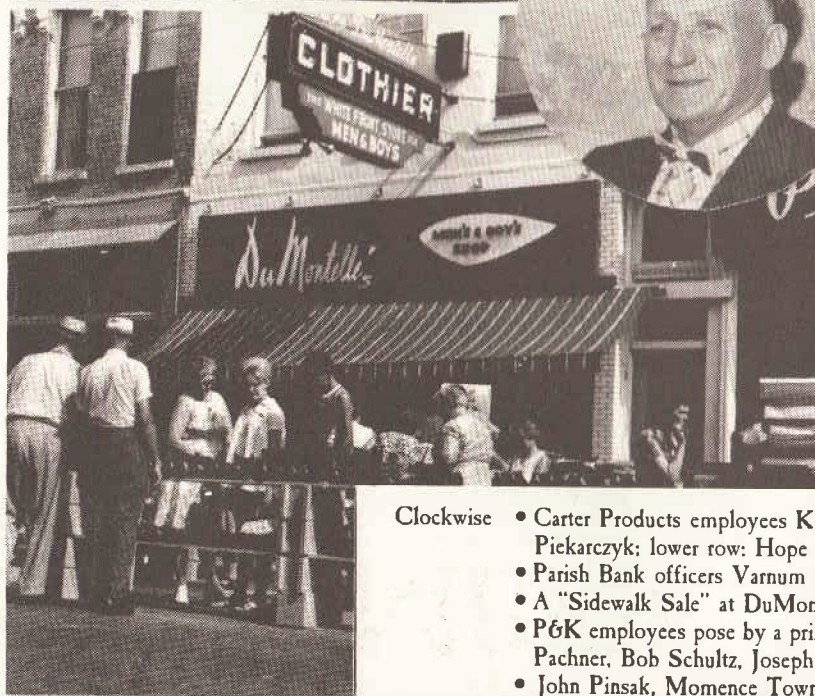
Marilyn Halpin (now Mrs. Norman Cryer) rides the Reising Motor Sales float in the 1950 Gladiolus Festival.





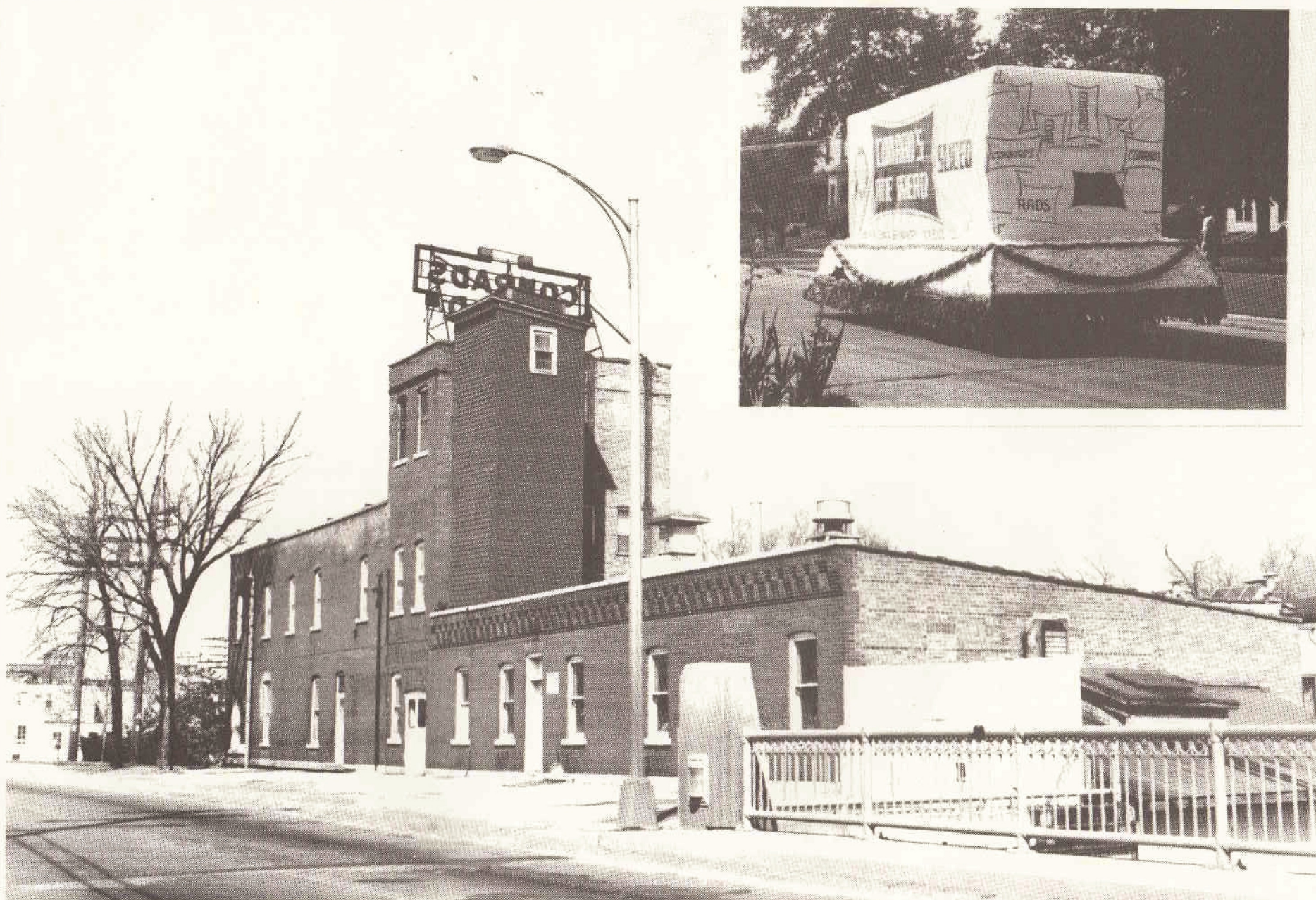
A BEAUTIFUL AERIAL PHOTO—from bottom up: Tuthill Spring factory, Carter Products, and Glider Trailer Co. All on Route 114 southeast of Momence in 1959. Momence Pallet Corp. now occupies the former trailer factory site. Carters and Tuthills are closed down.





- Clockwise • Carter Products employees Keith Verill, Al Warren, Effie Graves, plant manager Harold Johnson, Dorothy Smith, Frank Roberts, Frank Pickarczyk; lower row: Hope Johnson, Lucy Martin, Dorothy Morse, Bill Roberts, Ruby Jacobsen, Helen Thompson.
- Parish Bank officers Varnum Parish, John Parrish, Anthony Parish.
  - A "Sidewalk Sale" at DuMontelle's Clothing Store.
  - P&K employees pose by a prize winning gladiolus display in front of the plant on North Dixie Highway: Frank Koranda, May Pachner, Leo Pachner, Bob Schultz, Joseph Sharps.
  - John Pinsak, Momence Township Road Commissioner for 35 years (circle).





Conrad's Bakery, which was on the island between the north and south river channels. Everyone who walked by enjoyed the wonderful aroma of fresh baked bread. The bread float was in all of the Gladiolus Festival parades and hundreds of miniature loaves of bread were thrown out along the parade route.





Looking Southwest on Dixie Highway—The near building houses Gilbert's Hardware Store, with Dr. Majors' office upstairs. Now torn down and replaced with an addition to Parish Bank. circa 1963





A low altitude view of downtown Momence taken in September, 1959. Looking east.